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Applicant : HU et al.
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For: ARABIDOPSIS ARGOS, A NOVEL GENE INVOLVED IN ORGAN
DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 3, 2006

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This Response is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due January 2, 2006. Because January 2, 2006 is a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, a response filed the next succeeding business day, i.e., Tuesday, January 3, 2006, is considered timely. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

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